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[54] **ELECTRONIC FILING SYSTEM USING DIFFERENT APPLICATION PROGRAM FOR PROCESSING DRAWING COMMANDS FOR PRINTING**

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[57] **ABSTRACT**

There is disclosed an electronic filing apparatus which allows to handle files, prepared by different application programs, as the files common to these programs in easy and inexpensive manner. The drawing information, transmitted from each application program activatable by the computer system, is converted into a predetermined print data format, defined by the operating system, by the printer driver. Then the QuickDraw-common document conversion device converts the print data, converted into the predetermined print data format, into the common document file format which can be directly referred to by the plural application programs, and the common document in thus converted common document file format is stored in the data base.

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